ABILENE REFLECTOR.

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RICHARD WARING, Business Manager.

The coal miners' strike that has caused so much trouble in Pennsylvania for the past month seems in a fair way of settlement. The representative of the labor men presented a proposition to the coal company, which has been accepted. From this distance it looks as though the laboring men had been the losers and that matters stand very much the same as they were before the strike, except that the laborers have lost their wages and some of them their positions. Strikes so far in this country appear to have resulted disastrously to the strikers.

Eight hundred newspapers are published in Kansas, and the result is that Kansas is the best advertised and consequently the best-known state in the Union. Each paper has on an average a circulation, counting in all the smaller publications both daily and weekly, of about 600. This would make 480,000 subscribers. Suppose that each subscriber during a year should send to three different friends or relations outside of the state in the east, Drug Store. Residence, 419, Spruce west, north or south, copies of his home paper. This would inform 1,440,-000 strangers about Kansas and her All Calls in City or Country wonderful facilities and growth. No wonder Kansas is the center of immigration, and the newspapers of the state deserve a great share of the credit for this very gratifying fact.-Wichita Beacon.

Notwithstanding Mr. Blaine, the most sagacious and popular leader of the republican party, has said that his name will not come before the national convention, the party is in no way disconcerted nor thrown into confusion, as were the democrats in 1880 when S. J. Tilden announced that he would not be a candidate for the presidency. Tilden was about the only democratic leader of his day, and his declination left the party very much in the condition of an army without anyone competent to lead it. But, fortunately, the republicans are abundantly supplied with men competent to lead it to victory, and when the convention meets in Chicago in June, there will be a dozen names presented either of which if nominated, will carry the party to victory in November.

The Tariff.

The democratic party is usually about one decade behind upon the po litical issues. The republican party originates an important measure; adopts it into its platform of principles and procedes to educate the people up to it. The democrats pull back, denounce and oppose, until the democratic leaders see that the republican measure meets the wants and the approbation of the people. Then the next democratic platform reiterates the doctrine proclaimed years before by the republicans.

This was true of the abolition of slavery. It was true of the constitutionality of the XIV. and XV. amendments of the constitution. It was true of the advisibility of prosecuting the war. It was true of issuing of greenbacks. It was true of the resumption of specie payments. It was true of the policy of reconstruction. Each of the foregoing measures originated with the republican party. Each was first bitterly opposed by the democratic party. Each afterward became the settled policy of the government, and is now tacitly acquiesced in by the democrats.

The same thing is true in regard to the tariff. The general doctrine of the republican party has been a protective tariff, while the democrats have advocated a "tariff for reveue only."

The sixth plank of the national republican platform of 1884 reads as follows: "The republican party pledges the tariff and to reduce the surplus, not by the vicious and indiscrimating process of horizontal reduction, but by such methods as will relieve the taxpayer without injuring the laborer or the great productive interests of the coun-

For three and one-half years Grover Cleveland has been meditating upon that plank of the republican platform. Its justice, its logic, its fairness evidently impressed the gentlemen, and with this plank for his text he wrote his annual message, and in common parlance he "stuck to his text," for no other subject concerning the government of this great nation received a passing notice in the message. And we now predict that if the fiftieth eongress enacts a tariff law its provision will be found in perfect harmony with the sixth plank of the national republican platform of 1884; and we further predict that the democratic party. when it assembles in national convention next summer, will adopt as a part of its creed the tariff doctrine promulgated by the republicans four years ago.

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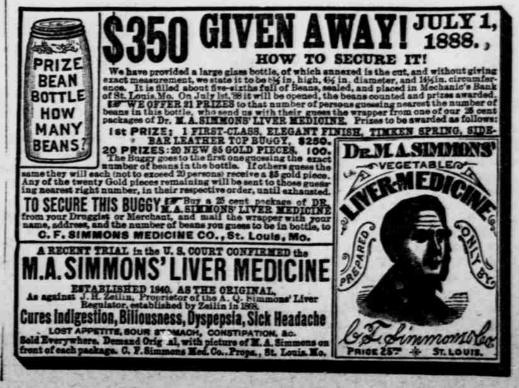


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